



HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. #36-10 OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE HAVASUPAI TRIBE

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Havasupai Indian Reservation is located in a very unique and isolated geographic region, deep within an inner gorge of the Grand Canyon, and 733 tribal members live and reside in Supai Village; and,

WHEREAS, the Reservation is surrounded by layers of cliffs, towering more than half a mile above the canyon bottom; and,

WHEREAS, there are no roads to Supai Village, so the Reservation is only accessible via horseback, foot or chartered helicopter, with the nearest towns approximately 60 miles to the trailhead at Hilltop; and,

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2010 through October 5, 2010, heavy rains resulted in significant flooding in Cataract Creek on the Havasupai Reservation and 3 major surges of water arrived in Supai Canyon, that resulted in the evacuation of 143 tourists out of the Canyon; 3 pack horses got swept away in the flood; and,

WHEREAS, this flooding has caused other disastrous conditions in the Havasupai Reservation, including severe damage to homes, bridges, campgrounds and trails, with such damage threatening the safety and health of visitors, Tribal members and local residents; and,

WHEREAS, the main trail leading into Supai Village is not passable and the severe damage to the trails and campgrounds also causes mail delivery and supplies from entering into the village and threatens the financial livelihood of our Tribal members and local residents; and,

WHEREAS, Tribal officials are currently conducting an assessment of the extensive amount of damage done to the homes, campgrounds, bridges, rerouting of trails, and other infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the devastating financial impact to the Havasupai Tribe, its Tribal members and local residents and business will continue until the infrastructure is repaired and the canyon is currently closed to visitors and tourists for safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Havasupai Reservation is Indian Country as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1151 and within the Territory of the United States of America;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby resolves that a state of disaster currently exists at the Havasupai Reservation as a result of the recent floods, which caused significant damage to the main trail leading into Supai Village, homes, bridges, campgrounds, and animals located in Supai Village, and immediately threatens the health, life, safety and financial welfare of the persons and property on the Reservation, requiring remediation, recovery and disaster services of the United States; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council declares a state of disaster due to these devastating conditions and immediately requests support and assistance from any and all local, county, State and Federal government agencies, to the full extent of resources of the United States of America and the State of Arizona.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article V, Section 1, of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation, the foregoing Resolution was adopted this 13th day of October 2010 at a Havasupai Tribal Council Meeting held in Supai, Arizona at which a quorum of council members were present, by a vote 6 in favor, 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 1 absent.



Chairwoman Bernadine Jones
Havasupai Tribal Council



ATTEST:

Secretary Havasupai Tribe